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EXPLANATION FROM: Chief, Security Support Division, Office of Security

ATTACHMENT : 40 5 []

SUBJECT : Request for Information on Soviet Travelers to the USA.

1. Our operational program includes an effort to identify, assess, and ultimately recruit or defeat selected Soviet citizens. This effort hinges in great part on the knowledge we can acquire outside the Sino-Soviet Bloc on these Soviets; acquisition of the information is often an operation in itself, especially abroad. At home, the Immigration and Naturalization Service provides such information to the FBI, which gives us a copy, usually about eight weeks after the travel has occurred. It is this process we seek to accelerate.

2. One of our officers [] recently discussed the problem with [] of your Division, requesting timely lists of all Soviet citizens arriving in and departing from our country. We have checked with the CI Staff Liaison Group, asking them to request the FBI to stop sending us their reports. We wish to depend, instead, on the ISBIS raw reports, hopefully originating in any port of entry or exit which the Soviets might use.

3. We request that you make arrangements to obtain from ISBIS, from their field offices in New York, Boston, Seattle, San Francisco and perhaps Miami, all available biographic information on Soviet citizens arriving in the USA. Also desired, if available, are their itineraries and the persons whom they plan to contact while in the States. To permit ideal utilization of this information, available data should be in our hands within 48 to 72 hours after arrival in the USA. Departures should come in, of course, by separate notification.

4. It will remain our understanding that prior to the activation of operational efforts domestically against Soviet citizens, coordination will have been made with CI/IC, Chief, PI, and approval obtained from the CO/P Chief of Operations. (See CIA Notices 10-250-3 and 31-100-2.)

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5. As soon as the desired information comes into your hands, it would be appreciated if you could notify the Chief, SR/6 Biographic Section [] [] on Extension 296, who will see to the proper dissemination of the data within SR Division.

Chief

Deputy Chief, SR

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